BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-003-E - ORDER NO. 2000-0334

APRIL 5, 2000

IN RE:	Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Power.	,	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed by the Consumer Advocate in this Docket. The Consumer Advocate notes that he inadvertently missed the deadline to file his Petition to Intervene by one working day. We would note that the Notice of Hearing was received by the Consumer Advocate on January 26, 2000, but was misplaced. It appears that the offices of the Consumer Advocate moved to a new location during the latter part of December 1999, and the placement of various files led to a misplacement of the Notice.

The Consumer Advocate states that the granting of this Petition would not burden the other parties to the case, nor delay any aspect of the proceeding. Duke Power does not object to the granting of the Petition. Accordingly, we grant the Petition to Intervene Out of Time as filed. The Consumer Advocate shall be admitted as a party of record to this Docket. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman T. Bradly

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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